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LOAFERS AND SLACKERS

The writer has been observing for some time, with much regret, to be sure, the growing tendency among many of our students to allow themselves to assume an indifferent attitude toward their college duties. I wonder if the facts will justify the statement that this tendency is more prevalent this year than last year. It is to be hoped that such a condition does not exist, but since inattention to duty is so obvious and open neglect is so frequently indulged in, we must admit that the symptoms of the horrible disease, loafing, are in the midst of our student body, and that a few individuals have almost succumbed to its attack.

It is an unfortunate condition of affairs that necessitates such a comment as this in regard to William and Mary men.

Gentlemen, it is not characteristic of William and Mary. The college does not sanction it. The student body, as a whole, is hostile to it.

If ever there was an excuse for loafing (and surely there never was) that day has long since ended. Today is a time of work and thought. The men who predominate the world today are the men who have worked and thought. The men who are to lead in the future will be the workers and thinkers of today. Where, then, will be the place and what will be the work of the idler of today? His place will certainly not be an enviable one, but a lonely one; a parasite, a hindrance, and a weight on society. Today we hear a great deal in regard to slackers. They are condemned on every side, and justly so. But what class or classes of men go to constitute these slackers? To the ordinary mind a slacker is a man who dodges something that someone requires of him. In other words, he puts himself to trouble and inconveniences himself in order to dodge his duty. Now, what is a loafer? He is a man who does not put himself to any trouble to dodge anything. He goes along in a lifeless, careless, ambitionless way, and never gets anywhere. He is a non-committer where the slacker is a committer. The conditions in which the two classes are placed are very different. In the case of the slacker, service is demanded of him and he either must do or refuse to do, while with the loafer, while much is required and expected of him, little is

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INDIANS LOSE TO RICHMOND

COLLEGE, BUT WIN FROM V. M. I.

W. and M. Loses Twelve Inning Championship Game to Spiders by a 4 to 3 Score---Defeats the Virginia Military Institute Here Friday

Our Indians in their first championship battle held Richmond College to a score of 4-3 in a twelve inning game. The game was featured by the pitching of one of our "new braves," who goes by the name of Settle--and Knight for Richmond College and by first class fielding of both teams. From the second inning, when the Spiders tied the score, the game remained the same until the twelfth inning. Pitt, during this frame, singled to left field and Miller got on first by an error of Settle, both were then brought across the plate by Northern's timely hit. Northern scored the winning run, coming home on a squeeze play. William and Mary also started upward in this inning and staged a real comeback rally. Garrett and Fentress bringing in one run each, as the result of two base on balls, a hit and an error.

Following is the score:

| Richmond Col | AB | R | H | A | O | E |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|
| Ryland, lf | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Pitt, 3b | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Miller, cf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Northern, 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Kuyk, c | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Thompson, rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Oliver, 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 1 |
| Westerman, ss | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Knight, p | 5 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 43 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 36 | 4 |

| W. and Mary: | AB | R | H | A | O | E |
|--------------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|
| Garrett, lf | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Brooks, rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Johnson, W. W.; ss | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Love, 2b | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Hilliard, 1b | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| Parrish, cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fentress, 3b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Settle, p | 5 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Johnson, R. J.; c | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| Totals | 41 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 36 | 6 |

Score by innings:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12--R
W. & M. 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2--3
R. C. 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3--4
Summary: Two-base hit, Miller; earned runs--Richmond College 1, William and Mary 1; struck out--by Settle 9, Knight 8; bases on balls--off Settle 4; off Knight 4; stolen

bases--Ryland, Hilliard and Parrish; hits--William and Mary 6, Richmond College 6; umpire--Marks.

V. M. I. SCALPED

In a hard fought game William and Mary defeated the Virginia Military Institute nine on Cary Field last Friday. This came as a reward for the hard work of the Indians who two days before lost to Richmond by one run after a twelve inning game.

The score was tied 1-1 in the fourth inning by W. & M. In the next inning the visitors scored a run which was their last. The game went along with nothing eventful until Brooks scored a run in the eighth inning tying the score. Now with every loyal heart beating high the ninth started. V. M. I. failed to score. W. & M. came to the bat. Joyner knocked a two bagger, stole third and was brought home by the timely hit of James.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
W & M. 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1--3 4 1
V. M. I. 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0--2 5 3
Batteries: W. & M.--Joyner, Murphy and James; V. M. I.--Bowie and Cutchins.

TEAM BATTING

Last week the Indians went up against some first class pitching and as the result averages tumbled. Several changes in the order took place with Brooks as the new leader of the squad.

The averages follow:
Brooks 15 5 333
Tally 3 1 333
Garrett 24 7 291
Johnson, W. 21 5 237
Love 24 5 208

*Hereafter only those batting as much as 200 or over will be tabulated. This has to be done on account of the small amount of space in the Flat Hat.

Fair Damsel (singing) "Just one more kiss before we part."

"Mike" Love. "That's twice you have sang that to me."

Fair Damsel "If you had been a good man, I wouldn't have to sing it but once."

SINE QUA NON

Fellow students:

We have been asleep. The General Assembly of Virginia has established co-education at our alma mater without any opposition from the students or alumni. Some of us now are unable to control our indignation, and letters are received by us daily from alumni, accusing us of unfaithfulness to our trust. Let's wake up and see if it is yet too late to make a stand.

I am certain that all of us believe in higher education for women, but William and Mary is not the place for them to get it. It will bring such a violent change in our student life and traditions that the old college will never be what she has been and what we have loved. It MIGHT bring more money from the state to her, but are we to sell our birthright for a mess of pottage? The faculty our beloved professors have approved this; but they take their position for the principle involved and because of the present condition of our college. Some large schools have operated successfully with co-education, but they started their life with it and so developed. William and Mary has been alive two hundred and twenty-six years. She has built up customs and ideals suitable for men. Now she must begin all over again.

Shall we have the same plain talks in our lecture room, which we all need? Shall we study ethical, moral and sociological phases of life with girls? Are the girls to be taken into our student activities? Are they to live on the same campus with us? Do we want our sisters and women relatives to attend a man's school? These are some questions that we must answer.

War has hit us hard, but William and Mary has passed through greater calamities and is still alive. Why must co-education be brought here in the guise of keeping her alive? Are her sons so disloyal? Will they not stand by her in her hour of need?

Co-education will be here next year; but is it to stay? It is for us to decide. We must, as gentlemen, treat the women with respect, but we can let them know that they are not wanted and use whatever influence we have or may have to drive co-education from our alma mater.

Wake up before it is too late! Knock co-education at home. Praise

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Dr. Keeble's efforts to handle the college text books, so as to cut down the great delay of classes waiting for them, should be appreciated by the student body—not only in feelings, but in words and action. Fellow students, don't hold on to your pocket change when you owe an honest debt.

Fellows, do you realize the different aspect the campus has assumed in the last few weeks? If you haven't, take a look around you and notice the changes that are at your very door. The present administration should be commended on their efforts to make the Campus more attractive. Now it is up to the students, both as a body and as individuals to do what they can in keeping it in THAT condition!

Many of our classmates are departing to join the colors and other walks of life. Some are compelled to go, but are there not some who are going for no other particular reason than just to be going? Have you ever taken a serious thought of how much more good you can do your country and your own self by staying at the chosen post until you are called to another? Make the most of what you are doing at the present and tomorrow you can say that you have done your bit.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETS

A short meeting of the Athletic Council was held in Chapel last Thursday evening, in the interest of the tennis meet to be held between Hampden-Sidney, Randolph-Macon, Richmond College and William and Mary. This meet will be held in Richmond, May 17th and 18th respectively.

Discussion of plans and making arrangements for the meet was the

order of the evening. The William and Mary representation will consist of three men. A preliminary contest will be held between the various candidates for our team, to decide who shall be the "lucky three."

Tennis is a fine sport and every student in college should show his appreciation of this meet by going out and making a bid for the team.

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demand. So, after all, what is the difference in the guilt of the two? I cannot differentiate between them. They are synonymous in every respect.

It can readily be seen how men fall by the wayside from some wrongs; it can easily be seen how they fail to reach their goal for many and various reasons, but how under the canopy of heaven a sensible, responsible man can deliberately shut his ears to the calls of duty that beset him on every turn and close his eyes to the valuable, priceless and lovely things that stand just ahead of him and await his coming, cannot be comprehended.

The world holds out opportunities today that would have staggered our ancestors of a few decades ago. Success and thrift actually swarm around the youth of today, and yet hordes of them refuse to open their eyes and behold it. Opportunity beckons strong and duty calls louder today than ever before. If formerly they whispered, today they yell. Every man must answer for himself; every man must bear his part of the burden.

Gentlemen, let us not allow ourselves to drift further into this habit that is detrimental to ourselves; that is unjust to our College and faculty; and is unfair to our state, which is bearing the burden of maintaining us in so favorable an environment. Let us be fair with ourselves, so that when we leave this place we shall be able to look back with pride and pleasure, and say that our time was well spent, that none was wasted, none was squandered and that we did not, like the stupid ostrich, that lays its egg in the desert, and covers its head in the sand.

SINE QUA NON

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William and Mary as a man's school and bring back next year as many boy students as you can, so that co-education will be only a temporary affair.

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